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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, attached hereto is Form PTO/SB/08a listing four references which may be considered material in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. Copies of the references are attached hereto for the Examiner's review.

Three of the cited references were cited in an Office Action issued on November 6, 2009 in a counterpart Japanese application.

With respect to cited Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-531183, this reference is in Japanese. The English equivalent, WO 00/32255, is also attached for reference. Applicant relies on WO 00/32255 as being a translation of the Japanese reference.

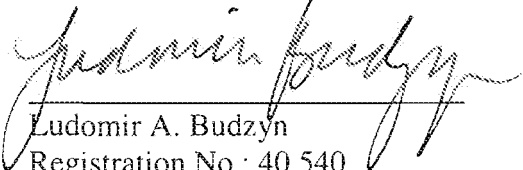
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With respect to cited Japanese Patent Application No. 05-220217, this reference is in Japanese. An English-language Abstract is provided herewith as a concise explanation of relevance of this reference. No English equivalents were uncovered for this reference.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c)(1), it is hereby stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. It is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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